

REMARKS

We have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated September 27, 2005, in which the claims remain rejected over a combination of Le and Agraharam references.

The Examiner relies principally on the Le reference for the rejection of independent claims 1, 8, 13 and 20 and cites the Agraharam reference as teaching the storing of RTP packets. Based on the Examiner's comments, we have amended the independent claims to more clearly state the invention. Further, we have amended several dependent claims to better claim the invention.

In particular, we have amended claims 1 and 13 to point out that extracting information of interest from the headers of the respective received RTP packets differs from using all of the information in the header, as is taught by the Le reference. Thus, we have clarified the extracting step by further stating that **the information of interest excludes information that is not needed for the use to which the data is to be put**. This is described on page 5 beginning at line 24 of the application.

As discussed in the application, the stored data may be played back or may be retransmitted, and thus, different information may be extracted from the received RTP packets to accommodate either or both of these uses. The information of interest is then included in the header of the stored packet along with a stored timestamp that is derived from the corresponding received RTP timestamp. In contrast, the Le system compresses "each and every field of the original header." Col. 28, lines 43-45. The Le system further uses a delta encoding that sends as a compressed value "the difference in value in the original uncompressed header with respect to the corresponding value in a reference header." Col. 29, lines 7-10.

There is thus no teaching in the Le reference of extracting from a received header only information of interest, which excludes information that is not needed for the use to which the data is to be put. Indeed, the Le system contemplates later reproducing the original header by decompressing the compressed header at a new network entity, and thus, all the information in the original header must be conveyed, in one form or another,

to the new network entity. Further, the combining of the teachings of the Agraharam reference, which is cited to show that RTP packets can be stored, does not add to Le the extraction of the information of interest as set forth in amended independent claims 1 and 13.

With respect to dependant claims 4, 5, 16 and 17, as amended, the cited portion of the Agraharam reference does not teach or suggest **determining the times to play the data contained in the respective stored packets based on a combination of the local time and the stored timestamp contained in the stored packets**. Further, with respect to claims 6 and 18, as amended, the Agraharam reference does not teach or suggest **simultaneously replaying stored data from two data records by equating the start times of the data records and determining the times to play the data based on a combination of the local time and the respective stored timestamps**. Rather, Agraharam teaches using the timestamp information to determine set time periods within, for example, data that corresponds to a multimedia conference call.

Claims 8 and 20, as amended, more clearly point out that the data is stored in the form of RTP packets **prior to transmission or play back of the data**. While the Agraharam reference teaches that modified RTP packets received through broadcast or multicast can be stored, there is no teaching or suggestion in a combination of the Le and Agraharam references of storing data in the form of RTP packets *prior* to the transmission or play back of the data.

Specifically, as the Examiner states the Le reference does not teach or suggest the storing of RTP packets. Agraharam teaches in the paragraph cited by the Examiner that the RTP packets, in modified form, are rebroadcast/multicast in a multimedia communication and the received modified packets may then stored for later retrieval on demand. Page 2 paragraph 0025. Accordingly, the combination of the Le and Agraharam references does not teach or suggest independent claims 8 and 20, as amended.

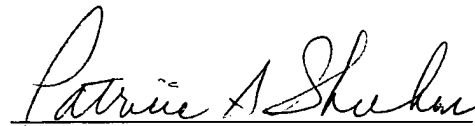
Further to the reasons discussed above, the combination of the Le and Agraharam references does not teach or suggest playing the stored records back based on a

combination of local time and respective stored timestamps as set forth in dependent claims 11, 21, 22 and 23, as amended.

The claims as amended should now be in form for allowance. We respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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